



CITY OF WILLIAMSBURG

MEMORANDUM

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Subject: Comprehensive Plan Update Public Forum May 26 at 2 p.m.

MAY 26 COMMUNITY CONVERSATION ON THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The Williamsburg Planning Commission will hold its second Community Conversation on the Comprehensive Plan on Wednesday, May 26, 2004, 2:00 p.m. at the Williamsburg Community Building, 401 North Boundary Street. The focus of this meeting will be to hear from citizens about issues to be considered as the City updates the 1998 Comprehensive Plan. There will also be a multi-page handout for everyone attending. After a brief presentation, citizens will break into several groups to talk with Planning Commission members about City issues. Written comments will also be accepted. The meeting is expected to last approximately two hours.

A short list of major issues has been developed to serve as our discussion guide. These issues are listed below:

HOUSING ISSUES

- o How should we address the pressures on downtown residential areas adjacent to the College, and are there areas where student-oriented multi-family developments would be acceptable and desirable?
- o Is the three unrelated person limit for dwelling units a valid restriction?
- o Should we consider increasing the residential densities allowed for undeveloped residential land?
- o Are there areas where new multi-family developments would be acceptable?
- o Should multi-family residential projects be allowed in commercial districts?
- o Are the current Bed & Breakfast regulations doing an acceptable job in regulating the location of these uses in residential areas?

COMMERCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ISSUES

- o What steps should the City take to encourage continued economic growth?
- o Are the City's current regulations too restrictive, not restrictive enough, or about right to encourage economic development and preserve community character?
- o Does the Comprehensive Plan provide the flexibility for an appropriate mix of businesses in the downtown and college area, including student-oriented businesses?

TRANSPORTATION ISSUES

- o In addition to the Richmond Road and Treyburn Drive projects, future improvements are planned for Ironbound Road (4-lanes between Richmond Road and Longhill Connector), Quarterpath Road, and Waltz Farm Drive and Patriot Lane intersection improvements). Are there other needed street improvements?
- o Is a roundabout at the Jamestown Road/Boundary Street intersection a good idea?
- o Are there pedestrian and bicycle improvements that should be given a high priority?
- o Are there any other non-highway enhancements to our transportation system that should be considered?

Also, check the web site at www.williamsburgva.gov. There are new items added to the Comp Plan web site (use the link under the picture on the home page).

If you have any questions about the meeting, or about the Comprehensive Plan Update process, please call the Williamsburg Planning Department at 220-6130.